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▶ Get used to seeing more students using handheld devices, such as the Apple iPad, as heavy and expensive books are swapped in favour of user-friendly eTextbooks.

Tech-savvy schools do away with textbooks

College students will be handed iPads at the beginning of the semester ◐ It's the 'way of the future,' proclaims school

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Out with the old, in with the shiny, new and high-tech.

Students at CDI College and Vancouver Career College will be using iPads as their primary learning tool this year, replacing the enormous cost and weight of textbooks that have burdened young scholars for generations.

This will be the first and largest rollout of iPads in post-secondary institutions across Canada, with over 1,300 devices being distributed to students starting Thursday.

Drew Lawrenson, vice-president of senior council for the schools, says the institutions have been working for two years to develop a complete understanding of what the students would benefit from most.

"This is a great opportunity for students," says Lawrenson. "The iPads are user-friendly with extensive resources included to learn how to use and get the most out of them."

The iPad only weighs 1.3 pounds and will already be loaded with eTextbooks for students' enrolled courses, complete with highlighting and book-marking capabilities and an Internet connection for research.

The tablets are included at a discounted price in students' tuition and are theirs to keep at the end of their studies.

"This is the way of the future," says Lawrenson. "We are hoping to eventually see 100 per cent of programs using this tool."

Wired in

- 54 per cent of students use their phone primarily for texting, while 31 per cent mainly use their phones for talking.
- 44 per cent of smartphone owners use Facebook as their primary communication app, while 20 per cent use BlackBerry Messenger and only five per cent use Twitter.

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Far East connection for Canadian exports

New direct cargo service from Vancouver to Shanghai good for B.C. seafood, other Canadian goods: Trade minister B.C. seafood exported to over 60 countries, featured in two billion meals worldwide per year

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▶ China Southern Airlines' new cargo service from Vancouver to mainland China, which launched in July, has been exporting B.C. seafood such as geoduck, Dungeness crabs and herring to the biggest Asian seafood market.

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B.C. and other Canadian exports are riding first-class straight to China through a new cargo service that's expected to boost the province's seafood and fruit export market.

China Southern Airlines launched in July Canada's first dedicated all-cargo service from Vancouver to mainland China. The service has been transporting B.C. seafood, other Canadian goods and heavy equipment four times a week to Shanghai, the biggest seafood market in Asia.

The airline is using Boeing 777-200F aircraft with a capacity of 110 tonnes on each flight.

"Growing our trade and investment ties with China is a key priority because (it) will benefit Canadian businesses, workers and their families," said International Trade Minister Ed Fast.

"China is now the world's second-largest economy after the United States … (and) Canada's second-largest merchandise-trading partner."

The service is part of Canada's Asia-Pacific Gateway initiative, which aims to bolster trade with China, South Korea and emerging Asian markets.

Fast added the cargo service will help transport high-value and perishable goods such as B.C. strawberries and blueberries to Asian markets.

B.C. exported $80 million of seafood to China and $313 million of seafood exports to Asia in 2010. Crabs, geoduck, hake and herring were the top exports.

Fast said he will be travelling to China in the fall to work on expanding trade relations with the biggest Asian market.

Premier Christy Clark is also due for a trade mission to China and India in November.

By the numbers

- 441,000 tonnes of air cargo: Asia-Pacific Gateway initiative goal.
- China Southern Airlines cargo service transports 80 per cent B.C. seafood and 20 per cent berries and dry goods to China.

Councillor says he's focused on city

Coun. Geoff Meggs says he's been too busy door-knocking for Vision Vancouver to shoot down NPA attacks on his allegiance to city hall.

"I think the NPA's main concern should be whether they'll get anybody elected at the upcoming election," said Meggs, who has been rumoured to make a switch to provincial politics.

Non-Partisan Association city council candidate Mike Klassen said Meggs should either commit soon to a full term as councillor or run as a Vancouver-Fairview MLA because staging a civic by-election would cost Vancouverites roughly $300,000.

81 days until the Nov. 19 municipal election and the city has launched vancouver.ca/vote.

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▶ Geoff Meggs

Dine and dasher robs gas station to pay bill, RCMP allege

A Surrey man described by Mounties as a "robber with a conscience" is facing multiple charges after allegedly robbing a gas station to pay his $38 dinner.

North Vancouver RCMP said Corey Henderson, 21, left Browns Social House on Lonsdale Avenue without paying his tab. Minutes later, the same man allegedly held a screwdriver to an employee's neck at a next-door Esso gas station, demanding cash. Police allege Henderson returned to the restaurant to pay his bill with the stolen money.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS

Oppal on the defensive

The commissioner conducting an inquiry into murdered and missing women in B.C. denies he's already prejudged some issues in the case involving a serial killer.

In the letter to then-attorney general Barry Penner, dated June 27, Wally Oppal said that if charges against Robert Pickton had gone ahead in 1997, the murders of several women would have been avoided. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Adrian Dix

Dix exults in HST defeat

New Democrat Leader Adrian Dix thanked Chinese-Canadian small businesses yesterday for helping defeat the HST.

During his anti-HST campaigning, Dix often turned to Chinese business leaders to make his case to the community. "This is a victory for consumers and small business people," he said.

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B.C. shouldn't be on the hook for HST: MP

- Davies believes $1.6-million reimbursement should be scaled back
- Provincial, federal governments talking behind closed doors

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▶ A worker cuts the grass outside the British Columbia legislature in Victoria. British Columbians voted 54.73 per cent in favour of abolishing the harmonized sales tax, potentially putting the province on the hook for $1.6 billion owed to Ottawa.

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With repayment of British Columbia's $1.6-billion HST compensation looming, opinion among the province's federal parliamentarians is divided on how to proceed.

Vancouver-Kingsway New Democratic MP Don Davies argues that B.C. should have to repay only a small portion — if any — of the total.

"I believe that the (HST) was brought in with duplicity," and without a democratic mandate, said Davies.

"The $1.6 billion that the federal government gave the province was compensation for the economic impact that, obviously, the federal and provincial governments acknowledged would happen," he added.

Davies contends that because the HST will have been in effect for nearly four years by the time of its repeal, B.C. shouldn't be saddled with the full $1.6-billon wallop.

"I believe that the (HST) was brought in with duplicity."
VANCOUVER-KINGSWAY
MP DON DAVIES

Premier Christy Clark and Prime Minister Stephen Harper met at an event in Abbotsford Sunday and briefly discussed the HST, but the two sides have yet to establish a reimbursement plan.

Clark said discussions will take place in private.

"I'm not going to negotiate in the media about how we're going to get through this," she said.

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Scanning for better cancer outcomes

The B.C. Cancer Agency unveiled yesterday a new tool in the fight against cancer.

The PET/CT scanner is the second at the agency and will double patient capacity, said the parliamentary secretary for seniors to the minister of health, Dr. Margaret MacDiarmid.

"I'm looking forward to the new developments I know will happen in cancer imaging, as well as the advances for cancer patients," said MacDiarmid.

The agency will now be able to conduct 6,200 scans annually.

The B.C. government pledged $1.5 million per year to help maintain the new apparatus and the B.C. Cancer Foundation raised $3.2 million to purchase it.

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Workforce an asset: Report

British Columbia boasts one of Canada's most valuable workforces, a new report from the B.C. Progress Board states.

The metric featured in the report, Human Capital, is designed to represent the cumulative value of the skill, education and experience of B.C. workers.

Exemplary in B.C. are the low high school dropout rate, above-average international test scores and a high proportion of citizens with university degrees, the report reads.

However, the document did cite two areas with room for improvement: "Poor educational outcomes" for First Nations students, and the underutilized dexterity of the province's immigrants.

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Family tragedy

Police confirmed yesterday that the 10-year-old girl killed and the 18-year-old man injured when their jet ski was hit by a boat on Okanagan Lake Friday were siblings. The two people in the boat were unharmed in the incident.

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Bike groper on loose

Vancouver police are warning women to be vigilant after a 22-year-old woman was sexually attacked by a man following her home on a bicycle along Vanness Avenue over the weekend. The woman's screaming spooked the suspect, who rode off on his bike.

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Eight kids hurt in Shanghai slashing

Rise of violence at schools worries migrant workers

A worker slashed children with a knife at a daycare centre for migrant workers in eastern China yesterday, wounding eight of them, one seriously.

The attack happened at noon at an informal daycare centre in Shanghai's suburban Minhang district, home to many migrant workers.

A woman was taken into custody and police were investigating, said Zhuang Liqiang, an officer in the information services department of the Shanghai Public Security Bureau. He did not provide further details.

Of the eight children sent to the hospital for treatment, four suffered light injuries and one was relatively seriously hurt, but none faced life-threatening injuries, the official Xinhua News Agency and local reports said.

The reports said the alleged attacker had suffered a "psychotic episode."

Shanghai's Dragon TV showed children's clothing at the hospital covered with blood. Doctors said they had to cut off the clothes quickly to treat the children's injuries.

Migrant workers often struggle to find decent child care for their children, who are not usually qualified to attend city public schools and often cannot afford the high fees charged by private facilities.

The problem has been worsened by local moves to close the informal schools and nurseries that cater to migrant families, ostensibly due to safety concerns.

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Schooling crisis

- Chinese schools and nurseries have increased security following a spate of gory rampages in schools and other public places in recent years in which dozens of people died or were injured.
- With tens of millions of migrant parents working far from their rural homes in big cities, families are often split, the children only loosely supervised or looked after by grandparents and other relatives.

Uganda. Disaster.

▶ Survivors of recent mudslides stand next to a half-submerged building at Sisiyi Sub County in Bulambuli district, Uganda, yesterday.

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Homes buried in deadly landslides

Landslides killed at least 29 people yesterday in an eastern district of Uganda, including children buried in their homes, officials said. At least 22 houses were buried after heavy rainfall caused landslides in the Mabono village, 250 kilometres east of Kampala. Last year, over 300 people were killed by landslides in the region.

Gadhafi's wife, three children flee to Algeria

Moammar Gadhafi's wife and three of his children fled Libya to neighbouring Algeria yesterday, firm evidence that the longtime leader has lost his grip on the country.

Gadhafi's whereabouts were still unknown and rebels are worried that if he remains in Libya, it will stoke more violence. In Washington, the Obama administration said it has no indication Gadhafi has left the country.

Rebels also said one of Gadhafi's other sons, elite military commander Khamis, was probably killed in battle.

The Algerian Foreign Ministry said in a statement that Gadhafi's wife Safia, his sons Hannibal and Mohammed, and his daughter Aisha entered the country across the land border. It said Algerian authorities have informed the United Nations secretary general, the president of the UN Security Council and the head of the Libyan rebels' transitional leadership council.

Ahmed Jibril, an aide to rebel National Transitional Council head Mustafa Abdul-Jalil, said officials would "demand that Algerian authorities hand them over to Libya to be tried before Libyan courts."

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▶ Aisha Gadhafi, daughter of ousted Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi

Gadhafi's children played important roles in Libya's military and economic life. Hannibal headed the maritime transport company; Mohammed the national Olympic committee. Aisha, a lawyer, helped in the defence of toppled Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein in the trial that led to his hanging.

Ahmed Bani, military spokesman for the council, said he was not surprised to hear Algeria had welcomed Gadhafi's relatives. Throughout the six-month Libyan uprising, rebels have accused Algeria of providing Gadhafi with mercenaries to repress the revolt. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lockerbie update

- The former Libyan intelligence officer convicted in the 1988 Lockerbie plane bombing is close to death and slipping in and out of consciousness, his family said yesterday, a week after the regime that protected him was ousted from power.
- Abdel Baset al-Megrahi was the only person convicted for the bombing over Lockerbie, Scotland, that killed 270 people. He was released from a Scottish prison on humanitarian grounds in 2009, only eight years into a life sentence, after doctors predicted he would die of prostate cancer within three months.
- Many victims' families were infuriated by his release. That fury only grew when he returned to a hero's welcome in Libya, remained alive long past those doctors' predictions and even appeared at a recent pro-Gadhafi rally.
- The downfall of the Gadhafi regime spurred calls from some in the United States and Europe that al-Megrahi be returned to prison.

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Irene lashes Quebec, Maritimes

At least one person missing after post-tropical storm ◐ Forecasters warn of possible storm surges

The impact of post-tropical storm Irene left some 165,000 power customers in Quebec without electricity yesterday, while tens of thousands more in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia were also waiting for the lights to come back on.

The storm may also be to blame for a road collapse yesterday about 100 kilometres northeast of Montreal, where the resulting crevasse swallowed two cars and left authorities searching for a missing driver.

Early yesterday, the storm still packed a windy punch as it rolled through Eastern Canada — where it flooded roads, snapped trees and knocked out power. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Search is on

In Quebec, provincial police were searching yesterday for a motorist who disappeared after a landslide sent a chunk of roadway pummelled by the storm tumbling into the Yamaska River.

- Police spokesman Benoit Richard said the driver of one vehicle scrambled out to safety, as did one of the two occupants of the second car.
- Meanwhile, Quebec police said they were also looking for an 81-year-old man who vanished Sunday after leaving his cottage on foot during the storm.

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▶ Fernande Simard, 92, looks at the damage caused to her neighbour's house after a 300-year-old tree was blown down by the remnants of Irene yesterday in Montreal.

B.C. offers climate courses

B.C. residents now have access to free online courses to help them better understand climate change.

Environment Minister Terry Lake says the series of animated courses are being offered by the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions.

He says with the government committed to the goal of being carbon neutral, it's important for everyone to understand the implications.

The courses explain how climate is changing, mankind's role in that change, how the government is trying to reduce B.C.'s carbon footprint and what it means to the province's economy and its future.

He says while the courses, which he calls a North American first, are aimed at bureaucrats, they are available to all B.C. residents. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Rae denies NDP, Liberal merger

Veteran Liberal MP Denis Coderre says he favours merging his party with the New Democrats.

But the Montreal MP seems to be a lone voice at a four-day Liberal caucus retreat to plot strategy for next month's resumption of Parliament.

Interim leader Bob Rae and other current and former MPs say a merger is not in the cards, even though both opposition parties are weakened and leaderless.

Jack Layton's death last week has left the NDP reeling and has revived speculation about a possible merger. Coderre says the outpouring of grief for Layton signalled to him that Canadians want a united, progressive alternative to Stephen Harper's Conservatives.

But Rae says uniting with the NDP is not on the agenda. He says Liberals — reduced to a third-party rump of only 34 seats in the May 2 election — need to focus on getting their own house in order.

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▶ Bob Rae

"That's not on our agenda," Rae told reporters yesterday on his way into a caucus retreat to plot strategy for the Sept. 19 return of Parliament.

Rae, who spent the summer meeting with Liberals across the country, said "resilience" was the best word to describe the mood of party members.

With the largely rookie NDP caucus preoccupied with choosing Layton's successor, Liberals believe the veteran Rae will have a chance to shine during the fall parliamentary session. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

News in brief

Wife charged after man detects gas

A woman has been arrested after a man woke to the smell of gas in his home.

The 51-year-old man, a resident of Piney, Man., discovered his propane stove had been left on. While trying to get the gas to dissipate, it ignited and the man was slightly injured. The man then noted his common-law wife and all the pets were not in the home, and a vehicle was gone.

The man's 47-year-old partner was arrested the next day and charged with attempted murder. **ELISHA DACEY**

Ottawa can't hide behind emails: Court

Ottawa has been told it has to cough up emails sought in a case involving aboriginal businesses or do a better job of justifying why it shouldn't.

In January 2010, Tribal Wi-Chi-Way-Win Capital Corp. asked the Federal Court in Winnipeg to review an Aboriginal Affairs program that provides subsidies to banks.

The parties have been arguing over what should be admissible as evidence and Ottawa claims cabinet confidentiality for emails exchanged between civil servants.

But a Federal Court official has ruled that emails don't qualify and are admissible. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

RCMP blame thieves for bus crash into lake

The RCMP say thieves likely sent a 20-passenger limo bus off a cliff into Okanagan Lake early Sunday.

Police say the $100,000 bus owned by Sun Valley Limousine was stolen from Kelowna, driven up a road and steered down a rocky embankment before it came to rest submerged in shallow water.

RCMP divers sent to the site checked the bus interior but found no one inside. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Happy Feet heads back home

The wayward emperor penguin dubbed Happy Feet craned his head and flapped his flippers as he started his journey home to cooler southern waters yesterday.

The penguin was moved from the Wellington Zoo in New Zealand, where staff have cared for him for the past two months, to the research ship Tangaroa, which will release him after four days at sea.

The Tangaroa is New Zealand's largest research vessel and was already scheduled to head into frigid southern waters to check on fish numbers in order to set fishing quotas. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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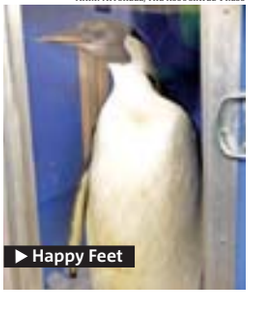

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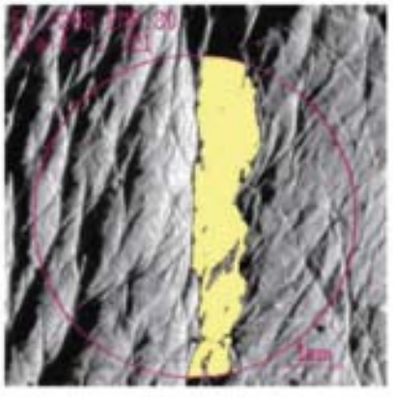

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Magna commits to electric vehicles

Magna International Inc. is spending $430 million to research and develop electric-vehicle technology in Ontario, a move that will create more than 700 jobs in the province.

Economic Development Minister Sandra Pupatello, who together with the company made the announcement yesterday, said the province will contribute $48 million to help fund 19 R&D projects over the next six years.

The projects include developing concept electric cars, parts for hybrid vehicles, metallic components, alternative energy and ways to improve fuel efficiency.

The province said the plan will create 728 jobs and also help protect about 1,300 jobs at Magna's factories in Ontario.

"What powers our cars is changing, the pieces that go into making a vehicle are changing. The good news is that that change is happening here at Magna," Pupatello said.

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Deluded about our debt

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▶ The passage of time alone is not enough to become debt-free — you need a plan.

▶ Being debt-free by age 55 won't just happen, say experts ▶ Most people that age are still paying

If experience is any indication, many Canadians could find themselves in debt years longer than they originally expected, according to a new poll issued yesterday by CIBC.

The poll, conducted for CIBC by Harris-Decima, reveals that, on average, Canadians holding some form of debt today feel they will be debt-free by age 55.

But the poll also found that only about 35 per cent of Canadians currently in the 55-to-64 age group — or just over a third — are actually debt-free.

The findings appeared to hold true for all age groups polled.

For example, Canadians 25 to 34 on average told the pollsters they expected to be debt-free by age 44. However, the poll found that only 18 per cent of those now in the 45-to-54 age group were, in fact, debt-free.

"Paying down your debt is no different from having a plan to put money away for retirement. ... You need a goal and a plan to get you there."
CHRISTINA KRAMER, CIBC

"Being debt-free is a long-term financial goal for many Canadians," said Christina Kramer, executive vice-president, Retail Distribution and Channel Strategy, CIBC.

She notes, however, that this disparity between expectations and results suggests that Canadians need to remain focused on a debt repayment strategy.

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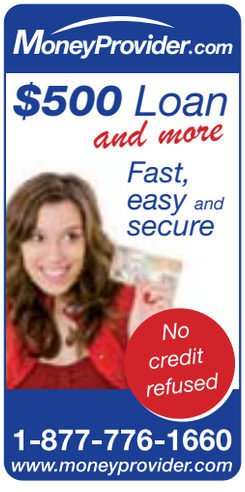

Antique fortune teller worth a fortune?

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▶ Collectors say the 100-year-old fortune-teller machine could be worth as much as $10 million US.

The Gypsy sat for decades in a restaurant in the former Montana gold rush town of Virginia City, her unblinking gaze greeting the tourists.

But until a few years ago, nobody, not even her owner, knew the machine gathering dust in Bob's Place was an undiscovered treasure.

Word got out when the Montana Heritage Commission began restoring the Gypsy more than five years ago, and collectors realized the machine was one of two or three "verbal" fortune tellers left in the world.

When functional, the machine could actually speak your fortune from a hidden record player.

One of those collectors, magician David Copperfield, said he thinks she is even rarer than that.

"I think it's only one," Copperfield said.

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Market moment

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LAST CALL FOR SUMMER

SHE SAYS ...

JESSICA NAPIER
METRO

I have terrible news, everyone, there is only one week left of summer.

Sure, autumn doesn't technically begin until the fall equinox sometime in mid-September, but we all know that the day after Labour Day is the unofficial end of the season. Next Tuesday means back to school and back to reality for those of us enjoying summer hours and vacant workplaces.

So how did your summer measure up? Have you appreciated each minute of daylight and every ray of sunshine? Probably not, but with seven days left you've still got some time to take advantage of Canada's favourite fleeting season. This week, try to do all five of these summertime activities — whether it's your first time or your one-thousandth time — before it's too late.

Enjoy a meal al-fresco: While the weather forecast is still bearable, indulge in a little open-air gastronomy. Take a seat on a sidewalk patio or pack a picnic for a nearby park or your own backyard. Sure, you'll be terrorized by wasps and ants, but that's just part of the fun.

"Wear white all week long because soon you'll have to say goodbye to those pale pieces and unpack your collection of flannel. Sure, you can try to get away with that eyelet sundress after Labour Day, but you know this age-old fashion faux pas won't go unnoticed."

Wear white: White dresses, white pants, white fedoras — in cotton, in linen, in silk. Wear white all week long because soon you'll have to say goodbye to those pale pieces and unpack your collection of flannel. Sure, you can try to get away with that eyelet sundress after Labour Day, but you know this age-old fashion faux pas won't go unnoticed.

Take a dip: Find the closest pool, lake or ocean and take the plunge — because nothing can compare to splish-splashing around in the great outdoors.

Get a pedicure: You'll be back in waterproof boots and practical (read: ugly) footwear soon enough, so if you're going to slip on sandals make sure you go out in style. Get buffed, clipped, filed and polished — for the sake of your own hygiene and for everyone who has to peek at those toes on display.

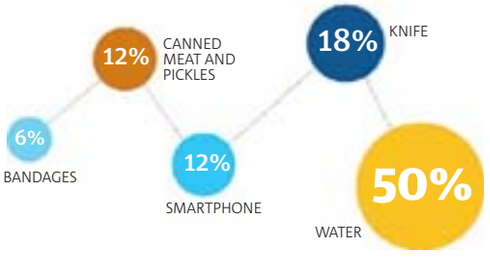
Ride a bike: Sure, there are hardy people who insist on peddling year-round, but for most of us, the idea of cycling through the city streets in a snowstorm is just insane. This week, take the opportunity to do some last-minute two-wheeling around your favourite trails before layers of leaves, ice and slush cover them up for months to come.

And so, the summer countdown is on. Only 10,080 minutes left to get outside and savour the season.

Read more of Jessica Napier's columns at metronews.ca/shesays

Register at metropolitanpanel.ca and take the quick poll

What's the No. 1 item you'd put in your doomsday survival kit?



Local tweets

- **@Brancouver:** Dearest Vancouver weather, I am tired of your metaphors.
- **@alan_calimbas:** I guess #summer is over in #Vancouver... didn't it just start last week.... #WTF!?!?!
- **@itsgoodtobehere:** Who's ready for #hockeyseason to start?
- **@RoyceKoop:** Long live the BC Recall and Initiative Act. That is all. #HST #bcpoli
- **@Farsen:** I put my plans to buy real estate on hold due to #hst and also dismissed yen to buy a new car for same reason.
- **@thestormfish:** The #HST is great if you live in the Point Grey social bubble, for the poor, not so much. #bcpoli
- **@EnglishBayBikes:** I guess there needs to be some rain in the forecast at some point here. The PNE is on after all.
- **@CoachQMustache:** You know you're a Canucks fan if ... your playoff beard spends the spring whining & the rest of summer crying.
- **@Masonwall44:** You know you're a #Canucks fan if, you tried to burn your playoff towel but couldn't cause it was too wet from the tears #NHL

Letters

The reversal of the HST will be harmful to B.C. We will lose $3 billion to the federal government. We will also lose the residual economic benefits that money would have reaped if they were otherwise distributed.

However, it is a victory, in my opinion, for democracy. It says that the government cannot fool the public, ravage the poor and succeed because they stick us with the bill for reversing it.

I fear the alternative (to keep the HST) would have emboldened politicians to continue using tactics and strategies that will erode our democratic values, widen the gap between the rich and the poor, and strengthen the thought that the constituency is a body to be manipulated and coerced.

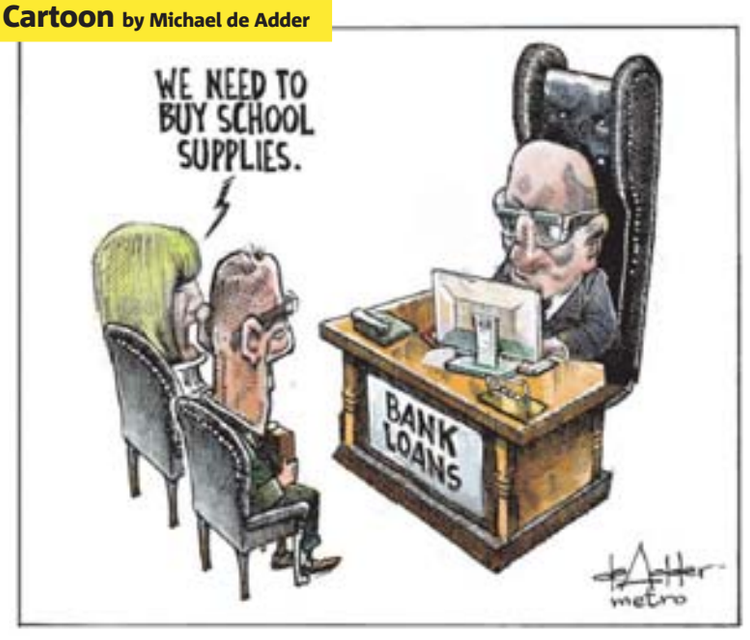
DAMON CHEN, B.C.

People have no right to be selling city street spaces, especially ones that clearly have signs saying Residential Only through the PNE dates.

The owners of the vehicles end up being liable for tickets and towing fees. It is city property, not yours to sell.

MARIE JANKOWSKII, B.C.

Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

They say money doesn't grow on trees, but it does fall from trucks ...

The fantasy of seeing banknotes fluttering down from the sky came true for Dutch motorists after a package containing cash apparently fell from a bank transport truck and broke open.

The incident triggered a dangerous scramble for the euro bills yesterday on the busy highway near Maastricht, in the Netherlands, as people parked cars on the road's shoulder and ran to scoop up loose notes.

Police in the southern Dutch province of Limburg confirmed in their Twitter feed "it briefly rained bank bills."

Reporter Rudy Bouma told national broadcaster NOS he saw people grabbing handfuls of cash before hopping back into their cars and driving away.

It was not clear how much cash was lost, or how it could have fallen from the truck.

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Scene in brief

Michael Jackson's children and father visited the late pop star's boyhood home in Gary, Ind., as the town celebrated what would have been his 53rd birthday. Hundreds of fans took part in activities outside the house in Jackson Street over the weekend ahead of Jackson's birthday on Monday.
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Jamaica's Jolly Boys enjoying international success after nearly 60 years as a band.

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▶ Lloyd Robertson has anchored the evening news in Canada through the terms of eight prime ministers.

Lloyd lays down his mic

National News anchor set to wrap final newscast on Thursday At age 77, Robertson shuns the word 'retirement', and sets sights on new projects

It's a perfect summer day in August, and Lloyd Robertson seems almost relieved to be back at work.

The 77-year-old has entered the final stretch, and Thursday — when he is set to wrap his final newscast at the helm of CTV National News, thus ending the longest-ever reign of a North American national anchor — is looming.

But for now, Robertson is exactly where he wants to be, amid the buzz and swarm of CTV's hive of a news hub as he and his colleagues begin to stitch together the evening's nightly program.

"It's all (the viewers are) talking about," Robertson said in a recent interview, taking a brief break from the night's work. "'When is the day?' 'When are you stepping down?' 'Retirement.'

"Only, I try to steer them away from the word 'retirement,' because I'm still going to be doing things. ... I intend to be around for a while."

So Robertson won't be stopping, at least not entirely. He'll contribute to CTV's flagship news magazine series W5 and has a series of vignettes on determined young people to lead into next year's Olympics.

But it's clear that stepping away from the anchor's chair will still feel like the end of something significant to Robertson.

After all, he has anchored the evening news in this country through the terms of eight Canadian prime ministers and eight U.S. presidents. He's covered three Olympic Games held within our borders. He's reported on the moon landing, on Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope, on the fall of the Berlin wall, on the death of Princess Diana and on the terrorist attacks of 9-11.

That sort of prominent longevity is impossibly rare in the TV business nowadays, said CTV's chief political correspondent Craig Oliver.

"When he and I started in television, there were just two channels," said Oliver, a friend of Robertson's since they were colleagues at CBC in the '60s.

"He's the last of a breed of really high-profile, influential anchors."
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A life in the limelight

- Growing up in Stratford, Ont., Robertson was fascinated with broadcasting as early as his pre-teen years. He aspired to work for the local radio station, CJCS, finally achieving his goal after graduating high school.
- Robertson moved up the ladder quickly. He was only 20 when he went to work for CBC and 22 when he married his high school sweetheart, Nancy. The couple bounced from Winnipeg to Ottawa to Toronto, starting a family along the way.
- In 1970, he claimed the anchor position at CBC's The National. It was, of course, a dream gig for a broadcast news hound but before long, Robertson began feeling restricted. In those days, a complicated union relationship meant that TV anchors weren't allowed any editorial input into the words they were reading.
- Robertson's frustration eventually led to his then-shocking decision to move to CTV, a choice that chewed him up at the time.
- Robertson flourished at CTV. Beginning as a co-anchor with Harvey Kirck, Robertson rejoiced in the increased creative control he was afforded, and ratings swiftly rose (Robertson takes pride in pointing out that CTV National News has become the country's top-rated national newscast).

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Red carpet and baby names

Metro chats to the stars of the MTV Video Music Awards And we discuss Beyoncé's bump

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MTV took over L.A. this weekend for its annual Video Music Awards, with two days of parties and concerts leading up to Sunday's big show.

We caught up with a few people ready to party before the event got started.

Andrew W.K.
The party animal has been holed up in L.A. prepping a new record.
On the VMAs: Really my main concern is the parties. I want to be invited to the pre-parties, the after-parties, the post-after-parties and of course any party at all.

And that really is a great thing about this event — there are a lot of parties.

Lil' Jon
While the fun-loving rapper had to skip town right before the big show, he still had plenty of expectations.
On the VMAs: My boy Pitbull just got added to the show in the last couple days, and he's having an incredible year, so I'm looking forward to seeing him do his thing and supporting him.

And I want to know what Lady Gaga's going to wear. I think that's the question of the day; what is she going to wear this time?

She had the meat dress last year, so how can she top the meat dress?

Rebecca Black
The 14-year-old YouTube conversation piece is trying to turn her Internet infamy into an actual music career.
On her VMAs experience so far: It's pretty amazing, considering it just started. You think it's just a couple hours, but no. It's a whole weekend.
On how 2011 has been a roller coaster: Oh, definitely. I mean, when I thought how 2011 was going to be at New Year's, I thought it's just going to be the year I start high school. But no, it turned out to be so much more, and I'm so grateful for it all.

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▶ Rebecca Black arrives at the MTV Video Music Awards Sunday.

Destiny's child

CHRIS PIZZELLO/THE ASSOCIATED

At Sunday night's MTV Video Music Awards, Beyoncé revealed she was pregnant, as husband Jay-Z sat beaming in the audience. Mazal tov!
Here's a few guesses as to what they might name the child.

▶ Beyoncé at the MTV Video Music Awards yesterday in Los Angeles.

Girls' names

Gloria
Maybe Jay-Z would want to honour his mom, who's appeared on The Black Album talking proudly about her son.

Diana
After Diana Ross, of course, who was an all-around singer/dancer/actress, just like Beyoncé, who's a fan.

Sasha Fierce Jr.
Although Beyoncé's alter ego never really caught on, her daughter could bring it back.

Boys' names

Isaiah
Beyoncé's old girl group Destiny's Child was named after a passage in the Book of Isaiah.

Marvin or Otis
…after Marvin Gaye or Otis Redding, two of Jay-Z's biggest influences. If anyone else had these names, they'd get beat up on the playground.

Roc-a-baby
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my friend omar just confessed that if he ever has children he wants to call the girl 'focus' and the boy 'trumpet'.... thoughts?

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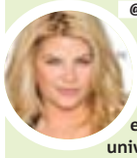
if your favorite beastie boys song isn't 'high plains drifter' then we can never make love.



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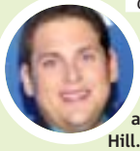
Ok...so I love everybody in the entire flippin universe again!!!!!



@JonahHill

I bet skinny Jonah Hill isn't as funny as fat Jonah Hill.

All in a day's work

Brad Pitt rescues woman from being trampled while filming in Scotland

Brad Pitt has been playing heroes for so long that it must just come naturally to him now.

The actor reportedly jumped in to rescue a woman from being trampled on the set of his latest film, World War Z, currently filming in Scotland, according to the Scottish Sun.

Pitt's rescue attempt happened during a dangerous scene involving 700 panicking extras.

"I don't think she could believe it when Brad picked her up," a source says. "He didn't have time to speak to her as it was mid-shoot. But she said afterward how grateful she was, despite having a badly-grazed knee." METRO

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▶ Brad Pitt

'It's our secrets that define us': Britney

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▶ Britney Spears

Britney Spears insists that, despite years of being an international celebrity, people don't really know the real her. "I can be pretty guarded with my personal life and I've learned that's OK," Spears tells Pop Justice in an interview.

"Sometimes it's our secrets that define us."

And despite any troubles her fame has caused her, that doesn't mean she'd be opposed to sons Sean and Jayden following her into show business. "I'd definitely keep an eye on them, but if that's what they wanted to do then I'd let them go after it. I'd just be very protective," she says. "I wouldn't want them to go into it feeling fearful." METRO

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The big skinny on fat

Hey there Twiggy, just because you're skinny doesn't mean you're a picture of good health

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Got fat? Evidence shows that carrying extra weight doesn't necessarily result in poor health.

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Not all obese people need to lose weight.

Evidence is mounting that obesity alone is not necessarily a predictor of bad health.

"It is important to realize that weight does not equal health," says Dr. Jennifer Kuk, an assistant professor in York University's school of kinesiology and health science.

In a recent study, Dr. Kuk and colleagues compared the health status of 6,000 obese Americans with 23,000 thinner people.

They found that obese people with no physical or psychological limitations had about the same risk of death as lean people, and were actually less likely to die from heart disease.

Obesity only becomes risky when it is accompanied by factors such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, high blood sugar and depression, they found.

"Obese people should go to their doctor to be evaluated," Dr. Kuk told Metro.

"If their doctor finds that they are healthy other than an elevated body weight, then this research suggests that they should focus on a healthy diet with regular physical activity as opposed to weight loss," says Dr. Kuk.

Earlier studies have found that trying and failing to lose weight could be detrimental to some people's health.

How do doctors assess which obese people need to lose weight?

A tool developed at the University of Alberta, called the Edmonton Obesity Staging System (EOSS), shows your doctor whether you have obesity-related risk factors and therefore require some type of treatment or surgery.

"BMI only measures how big you are — not how sick you are," says Canadian Obesity Network founder Dr. Arya Sharma, who developed the EOSS.

Health factors

What determines health? Here are the list toppers, according to the Public Health Agency of Canada.

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Vaccination rates for girls against cancer-causing HPV is lagging, U.S. CDC says

Did you know?

Drinking too much water is apparently doing no good to our overall health. According to Scottish GP Margaret McCartney, the chemicals used to disinfect water bottles could be harmful and drinking excessive amounts could lead eventually to a lack of sleep and kidney problems. MWN

Water as health risk? Seems you can have too much of a good thing.

A new study shows

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... That's the amount of time Swedish dental workers exercised for a study reported in the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. They were found to be more productive than a similar group who simply worked 2.5 hours less. MWN

Vaccines largely safe, review finds

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Everything from flu shots to chickenpox analyzed in first comprehensive safety review in 17 years

Vaccines can cause certain side effects, but serious ones appear very rare — and there's no link with autism and Type 1 diabetes, the Institute of Medicine says in the first comprehensive safety review in 17 years.

The report released Thursday isn't aimed at nervous parents. And the side effects it lists as proven are some that doctors long have known about, such as fever-caused seizures and occasional brain inflammation.

Instead, the review comes at the request of the government's Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, which pays damages to people who are injured by vaccines. Federal law requires this type of independent review as officials update side effects on that list to be sure they agree with the latest science.

"Vaccines are important tools in preventing serious infectious disease across the lifespan, from infancy through adulthood. All health-care interventions, however, carry the possibility of risk and vaccines are no exception," said pediatrician and bioethicist Dr. Ellen Wright Clayton of Vanderbilt University, who chaired the institute panel.

Still, the report stresses that vaccines generally are safe, and it may help doctors address worries from a small but vocal anti-vaccine movement.

"I am hopeful that it will allay some people's concerns," Clayton said.

There's suggestive evidence but not proof of side-effects, including anaphylaxis from the human papillomavirus — or HPV vaccine — and short-term joint pain in some women and children from the MMR vaccine.

The report cleared flu shots of blame for two long-suspected side effects: Bell's palsy and worsening of asthma.

That doesn't mean there aren't other side effects — the review couldn't find enough evidence to decide about more than 100 other possibilities.

Some vaccines are too new to link to something really rare. Another example: Flu shots have long come with a caution about rare, paralyzing Guillain-Barre syndrome, but Clayton said research hasn't settled if that's a coincidence since the disorder is more common during the winter.

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Side effects

The review echoed numerous other scientific reports that dismiss a link between vaccines and autism, but it counted some convincing side effects:

- Fever-triggered seizures, which seldom cause long-term consequences, from the measles-mumps-rubella, or MMR, vaccine.
- MMR also can cause a rare form of brain inflammation in some people with immune problems.
- The varicella vaccine against chickenpox sometimes triggers the viral infection, resulting in widespread chickenpox or a painful relative called shingles.
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Chocolate lovers rejoice at Thierry

After a delay, the doors of CinCin and West's long-awaited sister venue have finally opened Aside from an array of desserts and world-class pastries, it serves up tasty sandwiches

LUNCH RUSH

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As Americans waited for a solution to their debt ceiling crisis, many food-loving Vancouverites were just as restless waiting for the highly anticipated, much delayed opening of downtown's new chocolaterie patisserie café, Thierry.

And it was well worth the suspense.

Along with chocolates, macaroons, and just about every other delicious dessert under the French sun (you must see the gorgeous selection for yourself), my newest happy spot serves four baguette sandwiches for lunch.

And the prosciutto proves that less is more.

ERIN IRELAND

▶ Prosciutto Baguette

On a freshly baked wholewheat baguette, painted on both sides with a powerful roasted tomato sauce, lay several thin layers of salty prosciutto and buttery Manchego cheese.

Willpower helped me leave half of the small-ish sandwich for later to save room for Thierry's highly touted macaroons.

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WORK THROUGH YOUR EDUCATION

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School is expensive. I get it! I paid my way through a four year undergraduate degree and an MBA by working throughout both programs. Was it worth the sleepless nights and $100,000 investment? Yes. My education has given me opportunities that I wouldn't have otherwise had. I'm passionate about my work and earn good money.

Seventy-five per cent of future jobs will require education. Certainly there are very successful people in North America without it. But this phenomenon is becoming less common because the corporate cultural norm has changed: education is critical.

If you're struggling to cover the tuition tab, get a job. Apply for paid co-op, internship and work experience programs related to your field of study. Aim for full-time work in the summer and a part-time arrangement while you're in school. Sound boring? Spice it up with an overseas work term.

While classes are in session, work on or near campus. Your faculty, the libraries, restaurants, stores and fitness centres need staff. If you're feeling entrepreneurial, turn your hobbies into money: photography, writing, web design, etc.

Student debt is often unavoidable. But, by working throughout and saving, you can offset tuition costs. Whatever you do, ensure you've got sufficient time to focus on your studies.

Put your fund to the test

ON MONEY

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Last week an e-ton of questions landed in my email regarding my column on using morningstar.ca to evaluate and learn about your mutual funds.

Many of you had difficulty navigating the site and locating your funds.

First of all, it ain't you! There's definitely a bit of a learning curve.

If the closest you've ever come to your mutual funds is when you picked them in the first place, with or without the help of an advisor, then the relationship needs a bit of work.

Reader Evan had trouble finding Acuity Canadian Small Cap. So here's the drill.

Go to morningstar.ca. Near the top there's a line of tabs. Click on Funds. In the middle of the page you'll see a Tools menu. Choose Fund Lookup.

Type your fund in the box titled, Enter Fund Name. Note: Sometimes, the abbreviated name on an investment statement (such as your RRSP) will not match how it is listed.

If the browser can't locate the fund, choose Sponsor Name instead of fund name and scroll through the (often long) list of funds that appear. Sponsor, in Evan's case, would be Acuity.

I typed in Acuity Canadian Small Cap and up popped another window.

Click on the fund name — sometimes there are a couple of options, so choose yours, then click View Quicktake Reports.

Oh dear. Who let the dogs out? What appears is a thumbnail of the fund including, right at the top, a single star out of five.

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▶ Alison's money rule: Time is money so spend a few minutes to find out if your mutual fund is good, bad or a real barker.

That means Morningstar rates this fund as a pooch.

In the graph a blue line shows the fund has underperformed others in its category and its benchmark index for the past three years.

Below the graph is a performance chart. Don't worry about all the numbers, just look at "% Rank in Category" — one per cent being the top and 100 per cent being the bottom. A little counterintuitive, I know.

Acuity Canadian Small Cap is 51, 92 and 96 for one, three and five years — subpar in spades.

GO TO ALISONGRIFFITHS.CA TO FIND LAST WEEK'S COLUMN, OR SEARCH MY NAME ON THE METRO SITE, AND NEXT WEEK I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO FIND TOP PERFORMING FUNDS.

STAY SILENT IN SOME CASES

CHARLES THE BUTLER

ASKCHARLES THEBUTLER@ METRONEWS.CA

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Dear Mr. Butler,
You attend a party given by a friend and the next day you are feeling a tad sick and suspect food poisoning. Do you phone the host to ask if anyone else got sick and risk insulting them that it was their food, or just keep silent and continue to take your Gravol/Imodium?

Regards, W.

Dear W,

If your discomfort can be cured with Gravol/Imodium than I would absolutely keep it to myself as it really isn't anything too serious.

However if you needed to see a doctor because it was a serious case of food poisoning, I would not hesitate to contact your friend so that the source can be determined.

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▶ Food poisoning can be a result of some summer buffet tables.

Remember, before you eat anything on a summer buffet table, make sure it is fresh or else you are playing with fire.

HAVE A QUESTION? EMAIL CHARLES AT ASKCHARLESTHEBUTLER@METRONEWS.CA.

POPQUIZ

I keep reading news about a slowdown in the US economy – should I sell my investments?

A: Money in America? Is that an oxymoron?

B: You should invest! You can't get the ups without going through the downs.

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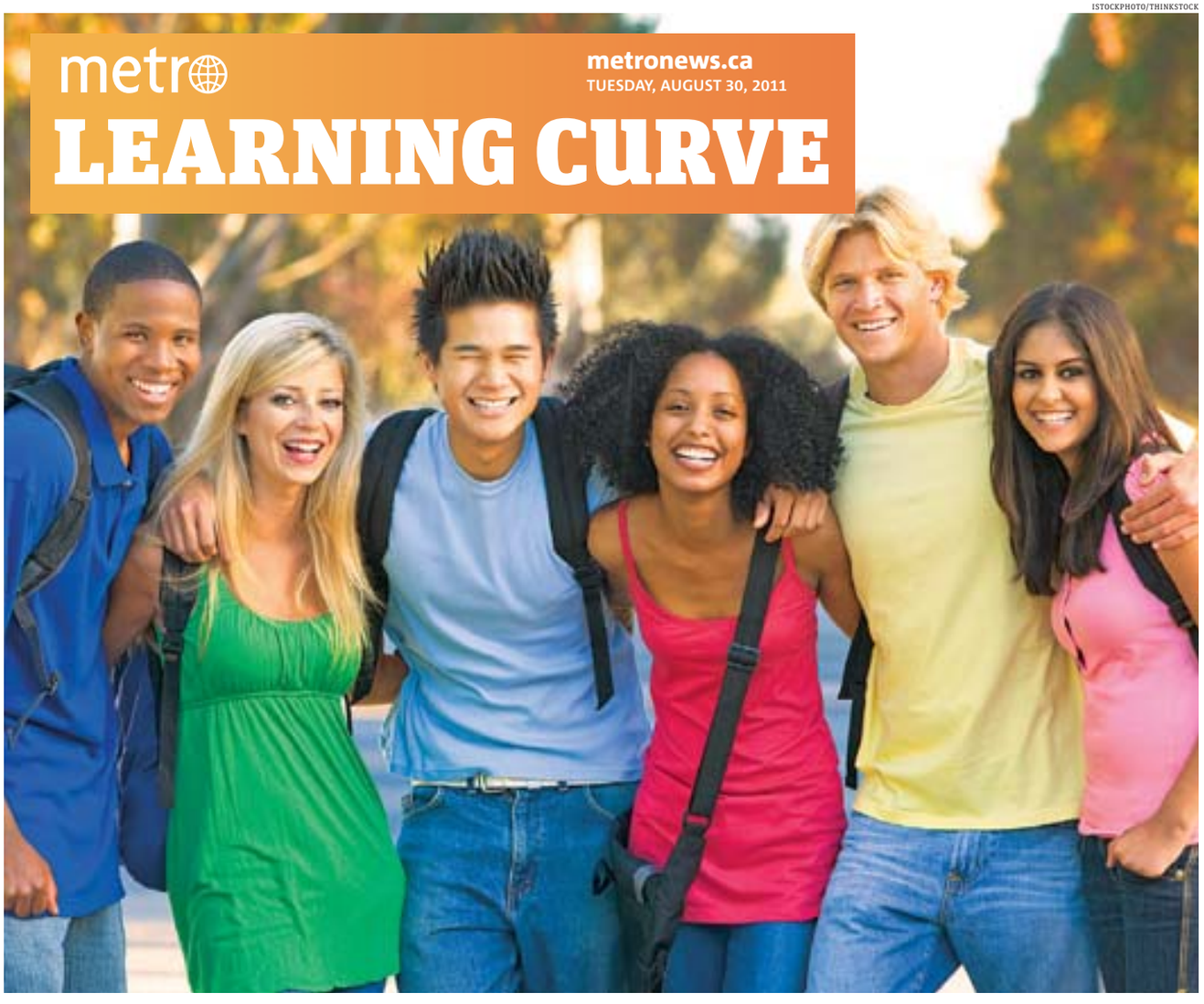

Be part of a team at Kwantlen

SAM SMITH
FOR METRO

Do you enjoy working with children and teams? Then look no further than Kwantlen Polytechnic University's Teacher Assistant program.

A two-hour information session delving into what it means to be a Special Education Teacher Assistant is available to all those who are interested.

On Sept. 12, from 7-9 p.m., learn all about what kind of person should be involved in this program and if it's right for you.

"The days are filled with challenges, the joys of learning and assisting others in achieving their individual goals," Kwantlen's website states.

For more information, visit kwantlen.bc.ca.

The natural world

Continuing Studies at Emily Carr is introducing a brand new amalgamation of events, workshops and design builds for Second Nature Lab.

Focusing on the relationship between humans and the natural world, students will look at everything from art to modern technologies to dissect and discuss humans and their interactions with the Earth.

The school has an overall goal of inspiring new ideas and collaborating movers and shakers to regenerate the world. This is a noble and large goal, but one that starts with a discussion and exchange of ideas from like-minded individuals.

Each year, Emily Carr offers intensive and focused programming in specific areas.

The events take place Sept. 10 and Sept 25 all day and will be curated by Holly Schmidt.

To learn more, visit ecuad.ca.

SFU dissects crusades

Simon Fraser University is hosting a free event discussing the crusades and asking what really happened, and are they still relevant today?

Taking the age-old image of a clash between Christians and Muslims, or a clash between Western and Eastern civilizations, the event bears to ask, "Are these depictions accurate?"

By dissecting the historical accuracies of the crusades and the impact on the modern world, this free discussion held at SFU's Vancouver campus is free to anyone interested to learn.

The event takes place Sept. 10 between 1:30 and 3 p.m. at the Harbour Centre in Room 1900.

To learn more, visit events.sfu.ca.

Capilano professor gets nod

Capilano University Theatre Prof. Stuart Aikens has been nominated for his second Craft Emmy for his work on AMC's television show The Killing.

Aikens is nominated under Best Casting in a Dramatic Series, his second nod from the Craft Emmys. He was previously nominated for Traffic, the miniseries.

The Craft Emmys are taking place Sept. 10 in Los Angeles.

The Creative Craft Emmy awards honour some of the finest work done both on screen and behind the scenes in television and film.

Although not as prestigious as its regular counterpart, the Emmys, it's still considered a distinguished award.

Emily Carr hires new comm manager

The Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design has hired Barry Patterson as the executive director of its newly created communications position.

Effective yesterday, Patterson will be the voice of Emily Carr, helping "to shape and define the university's brand and build upon the global reputation of the school and the success of its students and alumni," said Roxanne Toronto, communications officer with Emily Carr.

Patterson has been involved in marketing and communications for more than 15 years, working with both private and non-profit companies.

For more information about Emily Carr, visit ecuad.ca.

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Don't fall in a trap

▶ Look for the multitude of opportunities available in other industries when you graduate from school.

Think outside the industry box and identify your transferable skills

ALANNA GLASS
TALENTEGG.CA

Are you coming out of school with a degree and not sure where to go next to pursue a career?

A degree in accounting doesn't mean you need to join an accounting firm. A degree in computer science doesn't mean you need to work for a technology company.

Students are too often limiting themselves to a specific industry and not looking out for the multitude of opportunities available in other industries that are still suited to their training. Think outside the industry box.

"(Students) have their minds set on one specific industry, which can really limit their job opportunities," says Debbie Bottineau, regional vice-president of OfficeTeam.

There are so many opportunities across a variety of industries that are neglected because people think the jobs don't exist.

Bottineau also suggests not limiting yourself by solely focusing on full-time positions. "A lot of employers are looking for hands-on work experience, so don't just focus on full-time opportunities. Look at temporary and contract positions as well."

So now that you are ready to start searching and you have reached a career site (like TalentEgg), where do you begin?

"I would say as a starting point, look broad from an industry perspective," says Bottineau. "You want to identify your transferable skills and tackle position types versus one specific industry."

This means looking at how the skills you possess fit into the position to be filled. It may be surprising to be a finance graduate on your way to working in agriculture, but the job requirements could directly relate to the skills you possess.

Bottineau also suggests looking often for new positions that open up. There are new student and new grad jobs posted daily, and if your search is broad, you are bound to find something suited to you.

So get started now. Take a look around TalentEgg.ca for a ton of exciting opportunities available in different industries.

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Capilano students tackle CSI

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Capilano University students became makeshift crime scene investigators in August during Genome BC's popular Geneskool activities.

Students in the week-long summer camp were given all the tools of a crime scene investigator and learned all about molecular biology and genomics in a creative and fun environment.

During the week, students were tasked with solving crimes. This was done many ways, including dusting for fingerprints, extracting DNA and analyzing simulated blood splatters.

The program was meant to introduce students to molecular biology in a fun and creative way.

Capilano University hosts this event annually, and is always a great success. To learn more, visit genomebc.ca.

Find work at UBC

The University of British Columbia is hosting an afternoon event to connect students with potential on-campus employers.

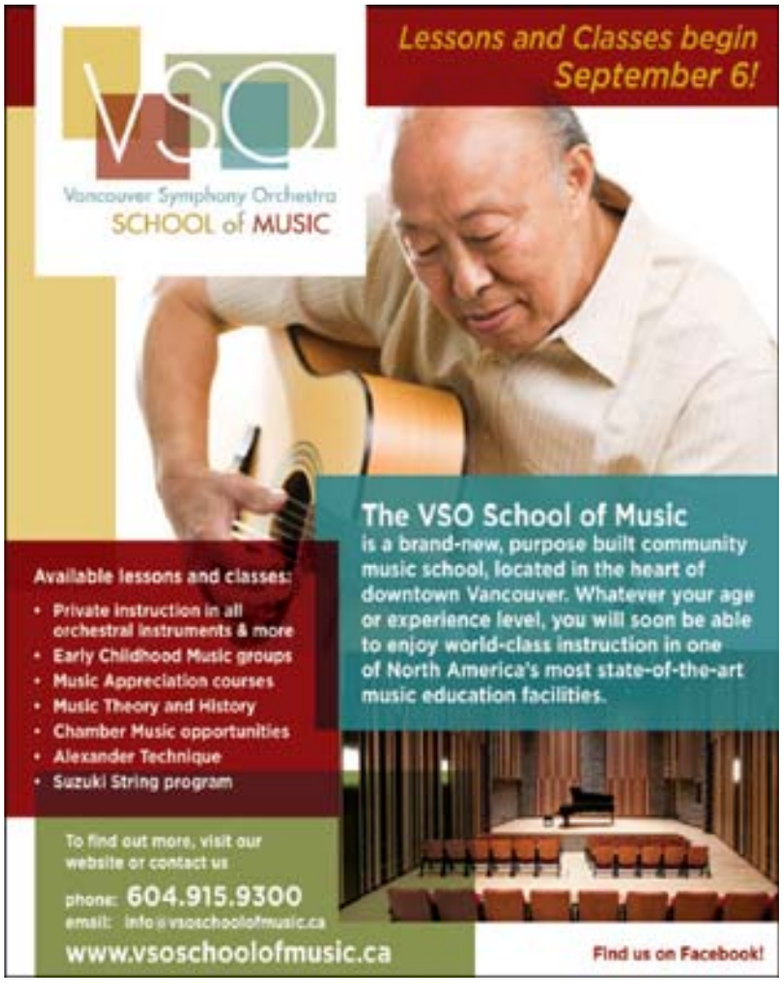
This opportunity is aimed at providing students a boost in extra income without having to leave the convenience of the campus grounds.

Employers include the UBC Call Centre; Access & Diversity; UBC Parking; AMS; and UBC Athletics.

Staff recommends to "come dressed for success" and bring along your resumé.

For more details, contact Karly Pinch at the UBC Career Services at karly.pinch@ubc.ca.

The event runs Sept. 1 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To learn more, visit ubc.ca and check out the calendar events section.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Student donates $1,000

University transfer student Jenny Bellows has donated $1,000 to Langara's psychology department for the second time in less than a year.

Bellows will be entering Simon Fraser University in January, but the impact of Langara's psychology department has reinforced her passion for helping others and she felt the donations were well-deserved.

"I've always found psychology to be a very interesting subject that can be easily applied to all aspects of life," Bellows said in a press release. "I wanted to donate the $1,000 to a department where the students were clearly there to help others, and I feel the psychology department fits that criteria very well."

Bellows' donation will be used to provide financial aid to students looking to enter psychology courses at Langara.

UBC researchers discover plant growth mechanism

University of British Columbia researchers have discovered a "key mechanism" that controls the direction of plant growth, as well as the physical properties of biopolymers.

Researchers are calling this a major clue in the half-century-long quest to discover just how plants co-ordinate millions of cells in growth.

The team used a specialized microscope that collects 3-D images of multiple plant components. The research was funded by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, and the Canada Foundation for Innovation.

To learn more, visit science.ubc.ca.

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Find answers at café

Simon Fraser University's infamous Philosophers' Café simply asks, "Is Vancouver too flaky?"

While it may seem like a simple question, the Philosophers' Café questions societies inner values, our own personal experiences, feeling and intuitions into what makes Vancouver, Vancouver.

Moderator Michael Filimowicz will host the session. It costs $5 and will be held Sept. 7 from 7-8:30 p.m. Philosophers' Café is meant to provide a comfortable environment for street level discussions on burning issues in our modern world.

Everyone is welcome to attend, and experience and registration is not required.

Future events include discussing freedom, religion and equity in food systems.

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The life of a professional actor has long been considered a risky career choice, and not something one should pursue if they have any desires to have a life of any stability. After all, who knows when your next job will be? Vancouver Acting School keeps the subjectivity in the art but puts measurability into the business.

Actors graduate from the VAS full-time Intensive program with a PCTIA accredited Diploma in Film & Television. This perfect hybrid of art and business, makes it Canada's premier destination for elite training in film, television and voice over.

"It has changed my life," says current Intensive student Nicki Robertson. "The fundamentals taught in this school are imperative for success. Not only are the coaches incredibly talented, but they are busy working actors in the industry."

Artistic Director, Michael Coleman, who himself is a successful actor from Vancouver, heads up the school and has capped the number of students per class at a maximum of 12.

"We measure the success of our training, not by the tuitions we bring in, but by the success of our students. While it is impossible to know specifically when, where or what you will book, we do give you the skills to not hope for work but expect work," says Coleman.

For those looking to unapologetically pursue this career at the highest level without a ceiling on their potential, VAS is the place to be. Opportunities abound in the film and television market currently, and VAS certainly has the program to get students to succeed within it.

Helping immigrant nurses

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The Ministry of Advanced Education has given Kwantlen $425,000 to offer an additional intake of nurses in the Graduate Nurse Internationally Educated Re-entry (GNIE) Program in 2012.

The funding is part of a Ministry of Health and Ministry of Advanced Education initiative to meet the demand for qualified health-care workers.

The re-entry program is a three-term short program intended for internationally trained nurses to educate themselves to be qualified for working in B.C.

"Program applicants who have anxiously been awaiting the opportunity to prepare for their Canadian Registered Nurse Exam and join the British Columbian nursing workforce now have an opportunity to begin their studies in January 2012," it states on Kwantlen's website. For more, visit kwantlen.ca/calendar/programs/gneng-cr.

Langara welcomes students for celebration

New and returning students at Langara are invited to an afternoon of entertainment, giveaways and a barbecue.

Students are encouraged to attend Sept. 14 between 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to learn about student services, student life and club displays, as well as listen to The Beat 94.5 live on campus. There will be activity stations and draw prizes in which to enter.

If you are hungry, drop by between noon and 2 p.m. and pay $5 for a barbecue. The event will take place on campus near Main Street and 49th Avenue.

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Langara CAREs about its students

Launching in the fall, Langara College is offering its students the chance to travel abroad and volunteer in developing countries.

Since partnering with the Vancouver-based CARE society, the college is ready to send students seeking to help those in the Third World with international aid, service, and humanitarian assistance.

Up to eight students will be selected via applications this fall.

In the past, people were able to visit and explore the Himalayas, Mozambique in Africa, the Hunan Province in China and more. For more, visit langara.bc.ca.

Emily Carr instructor dives into surreal art

Emily Carr associate Prof. Randy Lee Cutler, along with UBC professor of philosophy Dominic Lopes, will be at the Vancouver Art Gallery Sept. 6 from 7-9 p.m. diving into the relation of surreal art work and the real world.

The first in a series of surrealism events, Cutler and Lopes will start things off by discussing the influence of new technologies on surreal productions, and the place of science in their intellectual movements.

To learn more, visit ecuad.ca or check out vanartgallery.bc.ca.

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It's a good feeling to land a great job. Talk to VCC about your career options at one of these free information sessions:

Program	Campus
Transportation Trades	
Tuesday, Aug. 30, 11 a.m. – lobby, building B	Broadway
Tuesday, Sept. 6, 11 a.m. – lobby, building B	Broadway
Legal Administrative Assistant	
Wednesday, Aug. 31, 3:30 p.m. – room 618	Downtown
TESOL Programs	
Tuesday, Sept. 6, noon – room 526	Downtown
Career Planning and Job Search Courses	
Tuesday, Sept. 6, noon – room 236	Downtown
Thursday, Sept. 8, 5:30 p.m. – room 236	Downtown
English as a Second language	
Wednesday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m. – room 5025	Broadway
Gemmology	
Wednesday, Sept. 7, 6:30 p.m. – room 164	Downtown
Office Administration Certificate	
Thursday, Sept. 8, 5:30 p.m. – room 240	Downtown
ESL Homefront Learning	
Thursday, Sept. 8, 6:45 p.m. – room 3709	Broadway

Downtown campus is located at 200-block Dunsmuir at Hamilton, two blocks west of Stadium SkyTrain station.

Broadway campus is located at 1155 East Broadway, one block west of Clark Drive and across from VCC/Clark SkyTrain station.

Visit **www.vcc.ca** or call **604.443.8453**.

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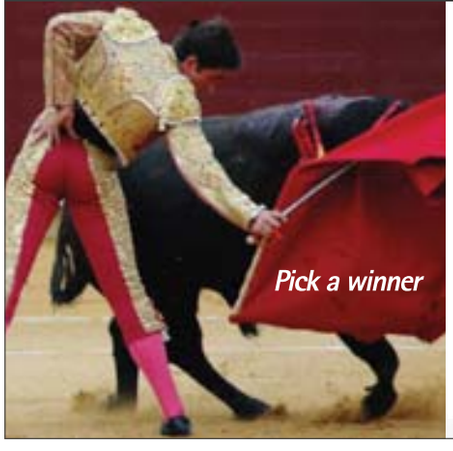

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Michael Vick is really back on top now.

Vick and the Philadelphia Eagles agreed on a six-year contract yesterday that once again makes the Pro Bowl quarterback one of the highest-paid players in the NFL.

A source familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press the deal is worth $100 million US, including about $40 million guaranteed.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Giving it the old college try

Ivy League grad Iannuzzi patiently waiting for his chance with the Lions

DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Marco Iannuzzi hauls in a pass during a pre-season game against the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

It was late in practice when rookie wide receiver Marco Iannuzzi finally got his chance with the B.C. Lions' first-team offence.

At the snap, the Calgary-born Harvard graduate ran a crisp route, only to watch as the ball was thrown to the other side of the field.

The play over, Iannuzzi jogged back to the sidelines where he chatted with receivers coach Travis Moore.

Iannuzzi is smart enough to earn a degree in architecture and environmental science from an Ivy League school, so he understands the importance of patience in his first year with the Lions.

"Everyone is patient in their life at some point," the amiable 24-year-old said yesterday after the Lions practice. "I don't really look at this as being a time of extreme patience.

"It's just what you have to do."

The Lions had enough faith in Iannuzzi to select him with their first pick, sixth overall, in this year's CFL draft.

He is expected to be in the lineup when B.C. opens a two-game series against the Toronto Argonauts, Friday, at Rogers Centre. The teams, both owned by David Braley, have 2-6 records.

The Sept. 10 rematch in Vancouver will be the Lions' final game at Empire Field. They will face the Edmonton Eskimos Sept. 30 at B.C. Place Stadium, which has undergone $560 million in renovations, including a retractable roof.

The six-foot-one, 195-pound Iannuzzi started the season on the practice roster, but has played in the last two games on special teams and returned kicks.

He returned six punts for 49 yards when the Lions clawed the Eskimos, 36-1, on Aug. 19.

Wally Buono, B.C.'s coach and general manager, said Iannuzzi has earned his chance.

"He's worked hard in practice," said Buono. "We're not afraid to put him in there. I think he has certain skill sets at this point that can help us.

"He's done a good job on teams, he has done a good job handling part of the return game. If he gets an opportunity to be a receiver, I think he will do fine."

Combining patience with persistence is nothing new for Iannuzzi.

He waited two years before finally being accepted to Harvard. At first, he needed to improve his marks. He was then told to spend time gaining business experience.

There were other universities, but Harvard was where Iannuzzi wanted to go.

"Once that opportunity was thrown in my direction, I thought I would be a fool not to pursue it to the fullest," he said. "I knew I was so close. I couldn't live the rest of my life thinking I just about got in."

Iannuzzi is one of those people who can do most anything if they set their mind to it. For the immediate future, football is his focus.

"Things don't always go the way you plan them," he said. "I don't really have a five-year plan. I know where I want to be. I don't know exactly how I'm going to get there.

"At this point, I want to get on the field. If I can contribute and make big plays and help the team win, that's what we are here to do."

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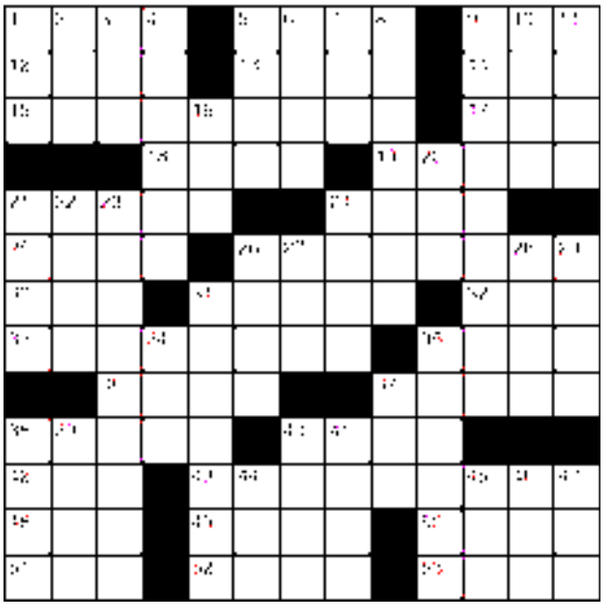


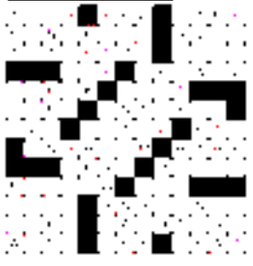
Across

1 Times in history
5 Mob boss
9 Bruce Wayne's inspiration
12 Run (into)
13 Shakespeare's river
14 Whopper
15 Hit laterally
17 Greek mountain
18 Conked out
19 De Mille of dance
21 Mislays
24 Age (Sp.)
25 Parisian pals
26 Thick syrup
30 Angry
31 100%
32 Call — day
33 Building and its grounds
35 June 6, 1944
36 Hog call
37 Rinds
38 Garbage transport
40 Notion
42 Antiquated
43 Deflect
48 Pirouette pivot
49 Store transaction
50 Half a sextet
51 That woman
52 Retired (Abbr.)
53 Milliner's mannequin

Down

1 Recede
2 Play with robots
3 Latin 101 word
4 Popular card game
5 Beer order
6 Enthusiastic
7 Pea holder
8 Vitamin ration
9 Surprise unpleasantly
10 Staffer
11 Earl Grey's family?
16 Affront (Sl.)
20 Petrol
21 Genie's home
22 Sharif or Epps
23 Fries, often
24 Right angles
26 Cologne ingredient
27 Bullring cheer
28 And others (Abbr.)
29 "Simon —"
31 Adroit maneuvering
34 Soviet fighter plane
35 Lack
37 Favorite
38 This and that
39 Lotion additive
40 Not working
41 Antelope's playmate
44 "— the Walrus"
45 Exist
46 US spy org.
47 Decked, for short

▶ Friday's answer



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	4				5			
				2		8		3

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

1	3	4	7	2	6	8	9	5
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7	6	2	9	5	8	4	3	1
8	7	3	2	4	1	5	6	9
5	1	6	8	9	7	3	4	2
4	2	9	5	6	3	1	7	8
3	4	8	1	7	2	9	5	6
2	5	1	6	3	9	7	8	4
6	9	7	4	8	5	2	1	3

Friday's answer ▶

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FROM 09

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Make an effort to sort out problems with loved ones, especially those that involve money and possessions.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Someone in a position of authority will look kindly on you today.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Anything of a creative nature will go well today, but it will go even better if you involve loved ones.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 The Someone interesting is about to come into your life. Don't look down and pretend you don't see.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You may think it's best to go with the flow but is that the right attitude? You were born to make things happen.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 It's not like you to be impulsive but you may overreact a bit today.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you are determined to transform your life — and you should be— start making changes immediately.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Don't be discouraged if something does not work out the way you want it to today.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Fix your sights on your most important goals and don't stop until you have reached them.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Good things will come at you today from all directions. Enjoy each and every one of them.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Someone you think of as a friend is secretly jealous of your success and plotting against you.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Don't be hasty when you make decisions today. SALLY BROMPTON

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